

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A positive electrode material for non-aqueous electrolyte lithium ion battery, comprising:
 - an oxide containing lithium and nickel; and
 - a lithium compound deposited on a surface of the oxide, the lithium compound covering nickel present on the surface of the oxide,
 - the lithium compound comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of, lithium phosphorus oxynitride (LiPON), $\text{Li}_2\text{O-B}_2\text{O}_3$ compound, $\text{Li}_2\text{O-B}_2\text{O}_3\text{-LiI}$ compound, $\text{Li}_2\text{O-SiS}_2$ compound, $\text{Li}_2\text{S-SiS}_2\text{-Li}_3\text{PO}_4$ compound, lithium hydroxide, lithium acetate, lithium acetylide-ethylenediamine complex, lithium benzoate, lithium carbonate, lithium fluoride, lithium oxalate, lithium pyruvate, lithium stearate, lithium tartrate, lithium bromide, lithium iodide, $\text{Li}_2\text{S-SiS}_2$, lithium sulfate;
 - whereby the lithium compound prevents oxygen radicals being released from the surface of the oxide from decomposing an electrolysis solution; and
 - whereby gas generation by the decomposition of the electrolysis solution is suppressed.
2. (Original) A positive electrode material according to claim 1,
 - wherein, when the lithium compound is deposited to cover substantially an entire surface of the oxide, thickness of a cover layer of the lithium compound ranges from 5 nm to 1 μm .
3. (Previously Presented) A positive electrode material according to claim 1,
 - when the lithium compound is deposited to sprinkle on the surface of the oxide, a volume of the lithium compound ranges from 0.5 to 10 % with respect to that of the positive electrode active material.
4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously Presented) A non-aqueous electrolyte lithium ion battery, comprising:
a positive electrode active material layer comprising a positive electrode material according to claim 1;
a negative electrode active material layer comprising a negative electrode active material; and
an electrolyte layer disposed between the positive and negative electrode active materials layers.
- 7-10. (Cancelled)
11. (Previously presented) A positive electrode material according to claim 1,
wherein the lithium compound comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of lithium phosphorus oxynitride (LiPON), $\text{Li}_2\text{O-B}_2\text{O}_3$ compound, $\text{Li}_2\text{O-B}_2\text{O}_3\text{-LiI}$ compound, $\text{Li}_2\text{O-SiS}_2$ compound, $\text{Li}_2\text{S-SiS}_2\text{-Li}_3\text{PO}_4$ compound, lithium acetate, lithium acetylide-ethylenediamine complex, lithium benzoate, lithium carbonate, lithium fluoride, lithium oxalate, lithium pyruvate, lithium stearate, lithium tartrate, lithium bromide, lithium iodide, $\text{Li}_2\text{S-SiS}_2$, lithium sulfate.
12. (Previously presented) A positive electrode material according to claim 1,
wherein the lithium compound is lithium sulfate.